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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW EMBASSY COMPLEXES

FROM MOOSE FOR THOMAS ONLY

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- 1. BELIEVE THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE RECHED WITH THE SOVIETS ON EMBASSY COMPLEXES IS A GOOD ONE WHICH OFFERS US A NUMBER OF ADVANTAGES. I WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE KEEP THE MOMENTUM WE HAVE GAINED AND THAT WE FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN SO THAT WE DON'T GIVE THE SOVIETS AN EXCUSE FOR NON-PERFORMANCE.
- 2. LETS PLAN TO SIT DOWN WITH FBO EARLY NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THE TIMING OF OUR NEXT STEPS. APPRECIATE STEPS YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN TO RESPONS TO THE SOVIET COMMENTS ON OUR DESIGN BY APRIL 11 AND THAT WE TAKE AS MANY OF THEM INTO ACCOUNT AS WE CAN. AS YOU KNOW WE NEED TO GET OUR ARCHITECTS OUT HERE BY APRIL 20. IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT OF SOM'S BEING ADEQUATELY GALVANIZED, LET'S GOOSE THEM GOOD.
- 3. OUR MOST PRESSING NEED IS A TOP FLIGHT PROJECT MANAGER TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COORDINATE ALL ASPECTS OF THE CHANCERY PROJECT. HE (OR SHE) MUST BE OUT HERE BY MAY, I WOULD THINK. LET'S TALK ABOUT CANDIDATES WHEN I GET BACK. WHAT ABOUT JOHN THOMPSON FROM WARSAW?

4. AFTER TALKING TO PEOPLE HERE, I AM SKEPTICAL ABOUT USING SOVIETS TO INSTALL US EQUIPMENT TO DO INTERIOR FINISHING WORK

IN THE FINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. WE SHOULD CONSIDER GOING BACK TO THE IDEA OF HAVING US OR THIRD COUNTRY LABOR HANDLE THIS.

5. I HOPE THERE ARE NO HITCHES IN TURNING OVER THE MOUNT ALTO SITE TO THE SOVIETS. THEY HAVE FLATLY REJECTED THE IDEA OF A SEPARATE LEASE AGREEMENT, AND WE SHOULD LET THE MATTER REST THERE.

6. WE WILL SEND YOU BY SEPTEL DRAFT PRESS RELEASE WE WILL USE HERE. OUR PRESENT THINKING IS FOR LOW KEY EXCHANGE OF NOTES RATHER THAN SIGNING CEREMONY WITH HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION. FACT OF EXCHANGE WOULD BE NOTED IN COMMUNIQUE. TOON

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